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SUBJECT: TURKISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM
CYPRUS

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE ON ABOVE SUBJECT WAS PREPARED FOR
DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING DECEMBER 15:

BEGIN QUOTE: QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE
TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY THAT IT IS
WITHDRAWING 700 OF ITS TROOPS FROM CYPRUS THIS MONTH?
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ANSWER: WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S
ANNOUNCEMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS PLANNED WITHDRAWAL,
FOLLOWING UPON THE WITHDRAWAL OF AN AIR FORCE UNIT FROM
CYPRUS IN LATE OCTOBER, REPRESENTS A FURTHER STEP IN THE
RIGHT DIRECTION. WE HOPE THAT STEPS SUCH AS THIS WILL
CONTINUE, THAT TENSION ON THE ISLAND WILL THEREBY BE REDUCED,

AND THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE AT AN EARLY DATE TO RESUME
MEANINGFUL CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS.

QUESTION: PRESS ACCOUNTS SPEAK OF THERE BEING ABOUT 30,000
TURKISH TROOPS REMAINING ON CYPRUS. DOES THIS ACCORD WITH
YOUR ESTIMATE?

ANSWER: OFF HAND, WE HAVE NO REASON TO QUESTION THIS
FIGURE.

QUESTION: THE TURKISH ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT TURKISH
FORCES ON CYPRUS HAD ALREADY BEEN REDUCED BY SOME 13,000
MEN. WAS THIS A RECENT WITHDRAWAL?

ANSWER: I CANNOT CITE ANY PRECISE DATE BUT OUR UNDERSTAND-
ING IS THAT MOST OF THESE 13,000 TROOPS WERE PROBABLY
WITHDRAWN FROM THE ISLAND SHORTLY AFTER THE 1974 HOSTIL-
ITIES. END QUOTE.

2. ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON ABOVE GUIDANCE AS NECESSARY
FYI: SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING
DECEMBER 15. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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